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## **Manhattan Beach Man Found Guilty in 2003 Murder of Wife and Attempted Suicide**

A 68-year-old man was found guilty today of the execution style murder of his wife in Manhattan Beach more than a decade ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury found Bill Lawrence Gallup (dob 10/6/47) of Manhattan Beach guilty of first-degree murder and found true an allegation that a handgun was used to cause the death of Oliva Gallup, 50.

Deputy District Attorney Maren Dermody said Gallup faces 50 years to life in state prison. Sentencing is scheduled for April 22 in Department G of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

On July 5, 2003, the victim returned to her two-story home accompanied by her sister after running some errands and noticed the defendant was playing loud music upstairs, the prosecutor said. When the wife went upstairs to get her husband to lower the music, out of concern for the neighbors, they got into an argument which ended with the defendant shooting at his wife three times, according to evidence presented at trial.

The testimony at the six-day jury trial revealed that the victim was hit by debris after the first shot, then shot in the chest and shot once more at close range in the right eye after she had fallen to her knees. Bill Gallup then shot himself twice in the head, the prosecutor added.

The wife was found dead by police while the defendant was still alive on top of their bed, according to court testimony. Case YA055822 was filed in Aug. 1, 2003 but the defendant was found mentally incompetent to be tried in 2006.

The criminal proceedings continued in 2015 after Bill Gallup was found competent to face trial at a mental health court hearing.

The case was investigated by the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

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